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## Senator Helming Statement on Health Commissioner Howard Zucker's Resignation

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"Howard Zucker's resignation is long overdue, and something I've been calling for since January. This is a first step toward restoring trust and confidence in the leadership of the New York State Department of Health.

Today, I am thinking about the thousands of families across my district and the state who lost their loved ones in nursing homes. Dr. Zucker's resignation is just the beginning of getting the accountability they deserve. The Governor must prioritize the release of the nursing home data so there is complete transparency. We also await any determinations from the investigations underway.

We must all work together to better protect and care for our seniors. I am hopeful the new leader of the Health Department will be committed to this priority."